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DEQ to investigate area of concern near Jennings

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has identified an area of concern near Jennings in Acadia Parish. The area was identified using information from a report prepared in connection with a lawsuit and notes an area approximately three square miles that may contain contamination from oil-field related activities.

The area of concern is located near Evangeline, Louisiana, approximately three miles northeast of the city of Jennings, just west of Bayou des Cannes along Louisiana Highway 97 and its intersection with Louisiana Highway 100, north of Interstate 10.

Constituents of concern include petroleum hydrocarbons, associated with the exploration and production of oil and natural gas, and chlorides. These constituents are present in soils and groundwater, including the upper Chicot aquifer, in the area.

DEQ and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources are addressing the situation by first identifying and obtaining water samples from selected water wells in the area. Additional assessment and remedial actions for soils and groundwater, including the Chicot aquifer system, will follow as appropriate.

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